



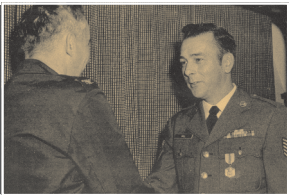
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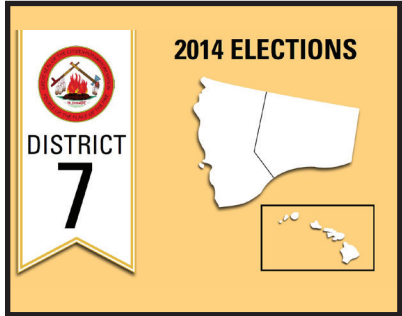


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People of the Fire

Tribal elections June 28



Candidate Q&A: Incumbent Mark Johnson



Mark Johnson.

What does it mean to you to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation?

"It is at the core of who I am as a person. I was raised with the stories of our proud people and of the struggles of our family. I was raised to respect our culture and heritage, and to serve others before myself, which I have done all of my adult life. I, like my father before me, walk with the blood of our ancestors. I am proud to carry that blood, and will always respect it."

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the tribe?

"As I have said many times recently, maintaining and strengthening tribal sovereignty is the greatest challenge that we as a Tribe will be facing for some time to come. In history, every time the government has moved to remove or weaken our tribal sovereignty, we as a people have lost everything and we have been forced to accept their terms. We as a people can no longer accept that fate. What was destroyed in a moment in time during the removal, like our language and traditions, is taking several generations to build back. Without tribal sovereignty and our right to self-determination, it will be lost again."

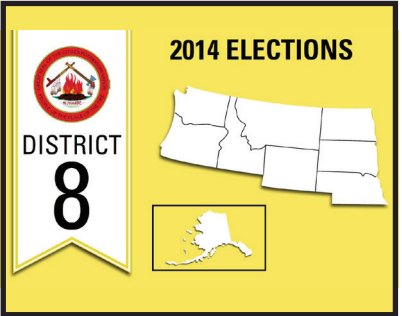
Looking back at your time in office, what are you most proud of?

"I am very proud to have been a

part of a government that works, and has governed the Citizen Potawatomi Nation through a period of great economic diversification and expansion. This is the basis for all the services and programs that the nation delivers to the members. The Nation needs to maintain at least a five percent growth to maintain its programs at the same levels due to the population growth of the tribe. Fortunately the Nation has exceeded that growth rate, which has allowed for the expansion of programs and increases where feasible. Some will say that the money is not necessary, but it is allowing us to preserve our past and to build back our heritage."

If you win the election, what are your plans for the upcoming session?

"One of the things that we as a legislature have started to do is to close down the district offices because they are underutilized, and use the money savings to bring more services directly to our members in the districts. I want to work towards growing a staff that can bring cultural and language programs directly to the districts in several small gatherings, placed so that our members don't have far to travel. I also want to keep pushing to expand member benefits to those outside of Oklahoma. I will also continue planning for the next 10 generations of Potawatomi."



Candidate Q&A: Incumbent Dave Carney



Dave Carney.

What does it mean to you to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation?

"My citizenship is very special to me. It is simultaneously a link to the past and a glimpse of possibilities of the future. We are all family, connected by a common past experience. We are over thirty thousand in membership – and growing. I am excited to collaborate with my growing District 8 membership in a range of efforts to further revive our culture and ensure we have something tangible to share with future generations."

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the tribe?

"The greatest challenge facing the Nation is without hesitation tribal sovereignty. The City of Shawnee's attempt to assert themselves over

us regarding tax collection on our land is just the latest attempt of a third party trying to take what the Potawatomi people have built. It happened in Indiana, Kansas and Indian Country."

Looking back at your time in office, what are you most proud of?

"I am the most proud of the community that has been built in District 8. People feel more connected now than in the past and there is a sense that information is flowing better than before. I can only take part of the credit as people are reaching out to each other in gatherings and on the internet. Talented people living in the district have offered their gifts and taught others what they know. It's been great to see members getting to know each other."

Tribal registration and IDs

CPN members and members of their households who've been to Family Reunion Festival before should know the process of acquiring badges to get on Tribal grounds. With the Cultural Heritage Center closed, the process may seem scattered.

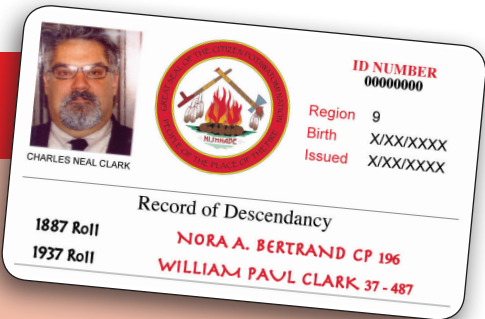
Like last year, registration for the Festival will be at FireLake Arena behind FireLake Discount Foods. All members of the household for each CPN tribal member must be present and their name must be in the tribal roll database.

Tribal members may need to have an ID or know the last four digits of their social security number to help make the process go by quicker and smoother. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Friday June 27, 2014.

Tribal Rolls and registration will be held at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Those requesting tribal membership will need a state-certified birth certificate and a completed tribal enrollment form. Tribal membership is a lengthy procedure, and Family Reunion

If you win the election, what are your plans for the upcoming session?

"My goal in the upcoming session is to provide the Nation with every resource needed to prevail in the tax battle with the City of Shawnee. This would include the necessary funding to do whatever is needed in the upcoming budget. This is not an issue that will be decided in 2015 and then go away. This attack on the Nation could have generational impact, therefore, the significance of the outcome cannot be overstated."



Festival is a prime time for individuals not already a member to begin the process of becoming CPN. Forms can be downloaded online at www.potawatomi.org/services/citizenship.

For more information contact the Tribal Rolls department at 405-878-5830.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION WELCOMES YOU TO THE

2014 FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL

JUNE 27-29, 2014

HONORED FAMILIES: BRUNO, DARLING, HARDIN, HIGBEE, LEWIS, NADEAU, SLAVIN, SMITH

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.POTAWATOMI.ORG/2014FESTIVAL

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director of CPN Language Department

Festival is right around the corner and by the time you receive this edition, it will be here. First, I would like to share some of the exciting accomplishments of the CPN Child Development Center children who are taught by the Language Instructor Randy Schlachtun. We are very proud of Randy and the kids' accomplishments at the University of Oklahoma's Native American Language Fair, where they competed with children from across the state and country. The kids took third place in small group presentation, and second in video presentation. Gdo wigezem penojeyek! (Good job kids!)

Potawatomi Scavenger Hunt: Last year at Festival, we had a scavenger hunt that was really well received. We are going to do a scavenger hunt again, except this time you will have to go to various locations to get answers. You will have a sheet in Potawatomi, which you will have to translate and answer.

For example, it might say go to the behavioral health building and count how many tables are outside. Then you will have to put the answer.

Language Classes: We are also going to have a number of classes available at Festival. On Friday, June 27 at 5 p.m. we will have a beginner Potawatomi class. At 6

p.m. the Language Department and other CPN staff members from the Cultural Heritage Center will be drumming for the Hand Games.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. we will have a beginner class for kids and then one for adults. At noon we will have a conversational chat class where we will just speak Potawatomi.

Please keep in mind we have online classes available no matter where you live. Beginner classes are at 1:30 p.m. CST on Tuesdays and 11 a.m. CST on Thursdays. Join us a few minutes before class starts by going to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi4.

We also have an intermediate/



Last year's drumming at the Hand Games.

conversational class on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. CST, and Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. CST. Join the class by going to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi2.

For any questions email me at jneely@potawatomi.org.

2014 CPN Reunion Festival Family Interview Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 8:00am - 5:30pm
All Veteran & Family Interviews

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 8:00am - 12:00pm
All Veteran & Family Interviews

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

BRUNO	8:00am - 9:15am	DARLING
HARDIN	9:15am - 10:30am	HIGBEE
LEWIS	10:30am - 11:45am	NADEAU
SLAVIN	1:00pm - 2:15pm	SMITH

Location for all interviews to be determined.



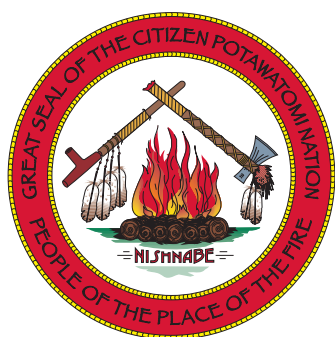
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JOHN BARRETT STANDS WITH DAVE CARNEY IN DISTRICT 8

Having been in tribal government for more than thirty years, I know what it takes to keep the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on the right path. Legislator Dave Carney knows too.

With his leadership we can continue making the Citizen Potawatomi Nation better for its members across the country. That is why I am endorsing Dave Carney for District 8 Legislator in this year's election.



**VOTE FOR
DAVE CARNEY**

and keep the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on the right path.

Paid for by John "Rocky" Barrett



Join us for Family Festival 2014

Children’s activities during Festival

Entertaining the kids during Festival will keep them happy and will also keep parents from worrying about what they will do during the weekend. The Family Reunion Festival offers plenty of activities for young tribal members to test their skills and bring out their creative side. The games and activities will allow children to interact with other tribal peers while embracing their heritage and learning new things.

This year, kids can expect art and crafts activities each day throughout the weekend. Friday will feature chess, billiards, checkers and coloring tournaments. The swimming pool on Tribal grounds will open at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Friday night will feature a live dance contest at 7 p.m.

Saturday will be the day to lace up the basketball shoes and loosen up

the throwing arm. At 9:30 a.m., kids can participate in 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, and at 11 a.m. youth can enter into the softball throwing contest. Each of the basketball and softball contests will have different age groups.

Get ready to have a whole heap of fun this year. Games, activities, and good times await you and your family at Festival.



Bring the kids out of the heat for arts and crafts.

CPN hosts golfing for Festival, at night and day



A golfer competes at the 2013 Festival scramble.

The busiest time for Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the last weekend in June, with families from all over traveling to Tribal grounds. With all the preparations and energy spent to make sure everyone will have a smooth and enjoyable time, it’s always nice to fit some relaxing activities into the hectic schedule. Hanging out by the pool, gazing upon the eagles at the aviary or spending time in one of the many art classes are great ways to relax during Family Reunion Festival. Another way to kick back and enjoy the weekend is to sign up for one of the golf tournaments at FireLake Golf Course.

Friday night, June 27, course

employees will light up the greens with flood lights for a different golfing experience. Registration for the Night Golf Tournament Scramble begins at 7 p.m. and tee-off is at 9 p.m.

The Saturday morning golf scramble begins bright and early with registration at 7:30 a.m. and first tee time at 8:30 a.m. Across the street from the golf course is FireLake Mini-Putt course, which will host a mini-putt tournament on Sunday with registration at noon and first contestants starting at 1 p.m.

For more information contact FireLake Golf Course at 405-275-4471.

Family Reunion allows families to “break bread” with new and old friends

Last year more than 5,000 Tribal members and their families descended upon Shawnee, Okla. for Family Reunion Festival. The event is a great time for old friends to reconnect and strangers to coincide. Food is one of the main components to a reunion and bringing family together in America. As always, CPN employees prepare every meal and snack for attendees from Friday night to lunch on Sunday.

Preparing and putting together the food for such a large group is no easy task, but thanks to a well-seasoned staff, the meals prepared will give you the energy to enjoy the weekend long activities and keep the kids from asking, “What’s for dinner?”

The food to eat and the picnic tables to eat at are on the tribal grounds next to the powwow arena. The first meal will be dinner



Fry bread is a staple of Potawatomi Festivals

Friday night. Saturday there will be breakfast and lunch, then dinner just before Grand Entry. On Sunday, we will offer breakfast and lunch.

FireLake Discount Foods will also be serving hot dogs, brats and

smoked bologna from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday they will serve hot dogs and brats from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These items will be served from the Pepsi and Coke Trailers just north of the round house on the Tribal grounds.

Big prizes for strategic games during Festival

Every year CPN offers friendly games for adults who wish to test their skills at some of the more strategic and traditional games. The games and tournaments pair friends and family to go up against one another for chances to win prizes. Each game challenges the wits of each participant to tactically defeat their opponent. Chess, checkers, traditional hand games, dominoes, billiards and a horseshoe tournament will give attendees plenty of opportunity to join in on the festivities over the weekend.

All games will be on Friday night to allow everyone to be a part of Grand Entry on Saturday night.

Chess, dominoes and checkers is a staggered event at the first pavilion on festival grounds. Chess starts at 5 p.m., dominoes at 6 p.m. and checkers at 7 p.m. First place in

each of these tournaments will win \$300, second place will win \$150 and third place wins \$75.

Traditional Hand Games during Friday night has two teams of participants compete against one another. Each team has a captain that will chose one picker and two hiders for each round in the game. To score a point, a team’s picker has to pick the two hands the beads are hidden in of the two hider’s hands. Games are played until a team reaches nine points and the event is played under the pavilion next to the powwow grounds.

Billiards and horseshoes are played on the festival grounds on Friday night with prizes given to winners of each of those tournaments. Check the schedule for more information.

FESTIVAL MENU

FRIDAY

Dinner (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Chicken Strips
Loaded Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Brownies
Fresh Fruit

SATURDAY

Breakfast (7:30am – 9:00am)
Cereal (2 kinds)
Biscuits and gravy
Sausage patties
Baked Eggs (with onion, bell peppers, cheese & ham)
Fresh Fruit
Milk, Orange Juice

Lunch (11:30am – 1:00pm)
Italian Sloppy Joes
Pickles & Chips
Fresh Fruit
Cookies

Dinner (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Beef Nacho Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cinnamon Sugar Cake

SUNDAY

Breakfast (7:30am – 9:00am)
Cereal (2 kinds)
Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patties & Bacon
Fresh Fruit

Lunch (11:30am – 1:00pm)
Chicken ‘n’ Wild Rice Soup
Cold Cut Sandwiches
Cookies
Fresh Fruit



Traditional hand games are always a big draw at Festival.

Register for Festival online at www.potawatomi.org/2014festival

What to know about regalia, dancing and Grand Entry

Family Reunion Festival is just around the corner, where Potawatomi from across the country descend on Tribal grounds in Oklahoma to meet, eat, dance and greet. Though activities ranging from language classes to hand games will take place from June 27-29, the focal point of the gathering is Saturday evening’s Grand Entry and dance contests. A closed event for Citizen Potawatomi the last 16 years, the Family Festival was originally one of the premier powwows in the nation. It drew Native Americans and non-tribal attendees from across the U.S. and Canada.

Due to a lack of Citizen Potawatomi participation in the cultural aspects of the event, specifically regalia and dancing, the event was changed to give Tribal members a better opportunity to participate.

“Right before we changed it, Chairman Barrett said that the last time he went into Grand Entry and looked around, he realized that there were no Potawatomi in the

circle,” recalled Tribal elder Mary Powell. “They were all up in the stands watching. It isn’t like that today. Nowadays, the biggest concern is that people are wearing traditional clothing and not just tank tops and sandals.”

Grand Entry and the dance contests in recent years have become a mosaic of colors, regalia and dancing styles, the majority of which are worn by Potawatomi. Tribal employees who are members of other federally recognized tribes also participate in the dancing on occasion, though prize money in the dance contests is strictly for CPN members.

Coby Lehman, a Curly family member and CPN cultural activities coordinator, is a long time dancer. He oversees the music and dancing during Festival as Arena Director.

“Grand Entry is a celebration to show that our Potawatomi people and families still exist after 500 years,” explained Lehman. “Powwows like the one we have at Festival aren’t ceremonial, but



Though the summer can be warm, it is a sign of respect to enter the dance arena in proper regalia and with covered footwear.

more celebratory.”

Given the presence of 38 tribes in Oklahoma, almost all of whom originally come from various parts of the continent; tribal powwows

like Festival tend to mix dancing and songs that may not be considered traditional to one particular tribe. For instance, in the hour before Grand Entry begins, tribal members and employees participate in the Gourd Dance, which is a Kiowa tradition.

Following Grand Entry, there are four Round dance songs, an Honored Families dance, Tiny Tots dance, before men’s and women’s dance competitions. To compete for the prizes in the dance competitions,

dancers must be CPN members and dressed in full regalia.

“The five judges base their scores on appearance, whether dancers are on beat with the drum, how well they are flowing with the music and if they stop with the drum,” said Lehman. “Proper dress is required, specifically no bare feet! Women should wear a shawl or a dress, while men should wear a ribbon shirt and slacks.”

For more information on learning about powwow etiquette, proper dress or dancing, Lehman recommends going to www.powwows.com.

If you are a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, don’t forget to register for the Family Festival! Please visit www.potawatomi.org/2014festival.



Participants in the 2013 Honored Families Dance.

Video interviews record CPN families’ histories

Throughout the year, Tribal Heritage Productions interviews CPN members to capture, on film, their stories and experiences. During Family Festival, those productions go into overtime as Potawatomi from across the U.S. head to Shawnee for the once a year event. The *Hownikan* sat down with Tribal Heritage Productions’ Cindy Merriman, who gave some background on the project and advice for those interested in having their stories recorded. There is a family history video series of all 49 founding families, including the Citizen Potawatomi Nation family history available in FireLake Gifts for \$5.

What are the Family Heritage Videos and interviewing process all about?

“The Tribal Heritage Project was a vision of Chairman Barrett to preserve the family’s legacy, and began in 2004 under the leadership of the late Bob Trousdale. In 2006, we moved to the Cultural Heritage Center and have a professional studio and state of the art equipment for family and veteran interviews. The program is the first of its kind in Indian Country.

THP puts together an animated photo album slideshow with music DVD for the Family Festival’s Honored Families each year. This slideshow consists of approximately fifty photographs submitted by tribal members and their families.

Once the tribal member is interviewed, the video is archived for future generations and for possible future projects of which the shared stories may be helpful.”

Why is getting these interviews on tape important?

“Just imagine seeing your great-



Penny Coates, a Bourbonnais and Anderson family member, sits in during an interview with THP.

grandfather on video telling a story of things he did when he was a kid, or your great-great-grandmother telling stories about raising your grandmother. History is fading away and we must continue preserving these memories for future generations. The interview process is vital, as it allows for family histories to be recorded as told by elders and other family members.”

How do CPN members know whether they’ll be interviewed?

“CPN members and tribal veterans are welcome to interview at any time. Simply give us a call at 405-878-5830 and schedule an interview or stop by the Cultural Heritage Center and request one. If the staff is available, we will conduct the interview at that time. Tribal Heritage Productions occasionally travels to regional meetings and CPN members are asked to take that opportunity to

interview there as well. Family Festival weekend is the favored time to interview.”

What should people do or bring to prepare for their interviews?

“Bring photographs and documents like a marriage license, birth certificates, awards. Anything that will help tell the stories of years past and present. Those items are scanned and returned to the tribal member. The digitized items are then archived for current and future generation to access. Veterans are encouraged to bring memorabilia to include in their telling of their military experiences. Interviews can consist of an individual or an entire family. Encourage your family members to share their stories for their children’s children.

We have the electronic capability of giving the interviewee a DVD copy of their interview immediately after the interview, wherever we shoot.”

CPN Cultural Heritage Center remains closed, gift shop and tribal rolls open

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center remains closed after engineers discovered an abandoned and uncapped water line beneath the museum floor. The abandoned and uncapped line was connected to a working valve on a City of Shawnee water main and caused major flooding when City of Shawnee crews turned the valve on.

“We believe the water line was used for our original administration buildings and museum,” said Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman John Barrett. “The City of Shawnee removed the meter from that line several years ago and should have capped the line at the valve on the water main.”

The entire concrete slab has been removed from the Long Room inside the Cultural Heritage Center and crews dug to 20 feet in some places to expose the abandoned water line. Crews will begin to fill the hole with new dirt and will pour a new concrete slab. There is no



Workers dug more than 20 feet to expose the water line that hadn’t been capped and was still attached to a City of Shawnee water main.

timeline for the opening of the Long Room or museum at this time. FireLake Gifts and tribal rolls are open.

FREE BUS TO THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF NATIONS

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the Annual “Gathering of the Nations” for tribal members and immediate families. A bus will leave the CPN headquarters at 6 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 5, and return home Sunday Aug. 10. It will arrive in Shawnee in the afternoon on Aug. 11.

A \$50/passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members will be responsible for their own food, lodging and incidentals.

To reserve a seat or for information, please call Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 ext. 1434, 800-880-9880 or email chanson@potawatomi.org. The deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. Monday July 21.

There is limited seating available.

Wadase update: June 2014

The eagle aviary grounds have been a busy place this spring. Two young great-horned owlets have fledged from the safety of their hollow in the big pecan nearby. They can still be heard calling to their parents for food in the late evening from the nearby tree line.

The Canadian goose who nested here for the first time this year had a successful nest as well. High in the trunk of a tree, she hatched five goslings. All five took the 15 foot plunge to the ground just one day after they hatched and followed their mother off to the creek.

The tom turkeys are still displaying, courting and competing for their hens. In a few weeks, the hens will begin to bring the young turkeys to the feeder in the safety of the aviary pasture.

To our fortune, Oklahoma provides habitat for nearly 500 species of migratory birds. Hummingbirds, night hawks, Swainson’s hawks, purple martins, cliff swallows and too many others to list are returning. Some species migrate

well over 10,000 miles round trip.

While some are arriving, others have left. Wintering hawks, eagles, and falcons have headed north for their summer territory. Wadase Zhabwe has ventured away as well. She reached her northernmost point since her release on April 25, and has now been gone for the longest period of time since her release. It is possible she followed eagles as they migrated north. She made one long flight from the aviary grounds mid-day on May 10. Cruising above 4,000 feet at roughly 26mph, she passed through Prague, Stroud, Drumwright, and continued on up through Hallet and stopped west of Cleveland, Okla. on the Arkansas River. The latest telemetry shows us that she continues to work her way around the two horseshoe bends in the river before it reaches Keystone Lake.

After talking with several fishermen in the area, we know that during the spring, the white bass that live in the reservoirs of Keystone Lake move up into the

flowing rivers and streams that fill those lakes. They spawn in moving water, but before they leave the lake they often gather in coves along its upper reaches. Food in the area would be abundant and relatively easy to catch.

Wadase seems to be taking advantage of the buffet that Mother Nature is providing along the river. Whatever the case may be, she is doing well and exploring a new part of Oklahoma. We have made several attempts to spot her along the river but have had no luck.

Since the trees have leafed out, there is considerable cover to hide in, not to mention that the plumage of a young bald eagle makes for excellent camouflage. We were truly fortunate and somewhat spoiled to have her at the aviary or



Tribal members can make appointments to visit the Aviary during Festival.



Not just eagles in the trees around the aviary.



Just a 15-foot belly drop to the ground below for these guys.



Newly hatched owls are also around.

Potawatomi Cornerstone: Tribal Rolls at Festival

By Charles Clark,
Director Tribal Rolls

Welcome to another edition of the Potawatomi Cornerstone. In this issue, I am breaking away from the regular features to give you some pre-Festival information about what we do here in Tribal Rolls and what you need to know if you have any business with us during the Festival.

Tribal Rolls is broken down into four groups: ID cards, enrollments, scholarships and burials. We are also responsible for RV, tent and vendor spaces during the Festival, but the team that is used for this task will be constantly moving about on the grounds during this time. If you do have questions

about reservations prior to the Festival, call us at 405-875-5835. Once Festival is underway, traffic and parking matters will be taken care of on location rather than in the office.

Tribal ID cards are extremely important during Festival. You cannot get onto the grounds without one. Registration cannot accept your admission without first having an ID card. This applies to tribal members only. A spouse or non-tribal children living with a tribal member will receive a spousal and family pass, but only after the tribal member has been registered in the database. If you do not have a tribal ID, tribal rolls will be nearby. We like to have everyone fill out a

small form before getting a new ID. I know it’s busy and you want to get out and enjoy the festivities, but a small amount of your time will ensure that your current address and other information are updated in your file. This helps us serve you better especially through important mail-outs and for the tribal newspaper.

We will also be set up to take enrollments. You should bring your state-certified birth certificate with your application. Hospital certificates are not accepted. Our staff will be equipped with scanners to scan the birth certificates so you don’t have to leave them with us. Please make sure your application is filled out before dropping it off.

If it is incomplete or illegible it will be mailed back to you for correction, thus delaying the enrollment process. It should be noted that this is the busiest time of the year for collecting enrollments and the usual three-month wait may take a little longer, depending on the number of applications we receive.

Scholarships are usually taken care of by this time, so most applications will be handed out for the fall semester. These forms will be available and staff will be present to answer any of your scholarship questions.

Burial Insurance Fund Forms will also be available. Though all tribal members are eligible for the

program regardless if a BIFF is in their files, it is always wise to have this form available if the unexpected arises. The form does designate a beneficiary who can be quickly contacted if need be. We know that this is the most difficult time in anyone’s life and we are here to make it as easy as possible for those involved. If you don’t have a form in your file or need to update the one you already have, the form will be available. It would be a good idea to fill it out and turn it in while you are visiting with us.

I hope everyone has a great time at the festival and remember, Tribal Rolls is here to serve and help you. You can contact us during normal office hours at 405-875-5835.



By Daryl Talbot, Commander Bozho,

The CPN Veterans Organization has a few events planned for this year’s Family Reunion Festival celebration. First off we will have our veterans table set up near the festival registration tables, where everyone will be passing through to sign in for weekend. At the veterans table all CPN veterans will be able to join or renew their membership in our organization. Plus, we will have T-shirts, caps and other items for sale to help support our organization’s yearly activities,

like our Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial Banquet to be scheduled as soon as we can get our list completed. All veterans, whether CPN members or spouses, can pick up their Red Veteran Ribbons to attach to your festival name tags. Be sure to get your ribbon to proudly show everyone that you’re a veteran and give them a chance to thank you for your service.

On Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. the CPN Veterans Organization will have an American flag retirement ceremony west of the Round House on the powwow grounds. Friday and Saturday evening the CPN Veterans

will lead the Grand Entry into the arena to begin the evening’s festivities. Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we will have a special gathering of all CPN Veterans at a location to be assigned.

Throughout the year the CPN Veterans Organization’s Color Guard is active in participating in parades and presenting the colors for various events all over the state. We are even representing the CPN Veterans Organization at each year’s Gathering of the Nations.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization is still collecting names of CPN men and women who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War Era (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975) to complete our planning for our Vietnam War Era Veteran’s Banquet. We need your help to complete our list.

Contact: Stacy Coon,
Cultural Resources
Cultural Heritage Center
1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801-9002



Commander Daryl Talbot salutes during the 2013 flag retirement ceremony.

Or contact the CPN Veterans Organization at our festival table.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the

Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

Migwetch!
Daryl Talbot

Osage Nation's Dr. Ron Shaw
overseeing Indian Country
health outcomes at CPN

On a monthly basis, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s health clinics see more than 1,700 patients. This includes 250 behavioral health appointments, 500 lab tests and 250 x-rays. Such an expansive set of services requires both quality administrative abilities and competent medical staff. Oversight of this staff’s qualifications and training falls to Director of Medical Services, Dr. Ron Shaw.

At a young age, Dr. Shaw remembers being fascinated by the natural world. As he grew older, the Tulsa, Okla. native and graduate of Cascia Hall High School sought to pursue this interest as a professional calling.

“I always liked science and math,” he explained, “and as I got older, I thought it was beautiful to be able to couple that with a useful discipline that helps people.”

Following his high school graduation, he spent two years at Oklahoma State University before transferring his junior year to Dartmouth College. Shaw was drawn to the New Hampshire-based college’s Native American Program, which specifically provides support services to Native American students. Also a factor was Dartmouth’s Ivy League reputation, which was necessary in building up his credentials for Shaw’s next stop; medical school at the University of Washington.

His time in Washington was an eye opening experience, where he

soon learned that “Indian Country” was larger than just what was happening in his home state.

“I realized pretty quickly that despite what we get used to here, Oklahoma is not the center of Indian Country,” explained Dr. Shaw.

His immersion with the peoples of the Pacific Northwest helped put Dr. Shaw’s own Osage heritage in perspective.

“Being around the other tribes, who are different culturally, really puts your own ways in perspective. You miss your own people’s songs, and while you might be Indian, you’re not Yakima. Most other tribes have their ways, which are good, but they’re not your ways.”

This sentiment played a part in Dr. Shaw’s return to Oklahoma, where for more than a decade he operated a private practice in the town of Moore. Eventually returning to his hometown of Tulsa, Dr. Shaw continued his work a specialist of Internal and Addiction Medicine before being approached by Director of CPN Health Services Tim Tall Chief about an opening for the position of medical director at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Tall Chief, a fellow Osage, knew of Dr. Shaw’s expertise from a previous role as Chairman of the Osage Nation Health Advisory and Authority Boards.

In addition to supervising CPN’s medical providers and healthcare policies, Dr. Shaw also oversees the credentialing of those



On top of his professional responsibilities each year, Dr. Shaw also participates in the dancing during the annual Family Festival.

providers. He sits on the CPN Health Services governing board, is an advisor to Contract Health Services and sees patients at both the tribal clinics. Now after more than two years in his current position as medical director, Dr. Shaw says that he wouldn’t go back to private practice.

“Used to be, the Indian clinics were a place for young physicians to learn, while the pay and facilities weren’t close to state-of-the-art,” he explained. “Now, there is no drop off in pay, and with compacting, tribes can afford high quality staff and facilities. In rural Oklahoma especially, tribal health care has not only caught up, it has eclipsed private care and boasts the best facilities in town.”

CPN health services are compacted with the U.S. government through Indian Health Services. In practical terms, this means that federal funds allotted for tribal healthcare are overseen and distributed by the tribe itself. This localized management of healthcare funds allows tribes to prioritize what programs and needs their patients require without direct supervision from the federal level.

It is partially this experience with compacted health systems for CPN that has Dr. Shaw entering the race for a position in his tribe’s legislative body. Dr. Shaw will be running in the June 2014 election for the Osage Nation Congress as a candidate from the

Gray Horse District. “I have published articles on health and compacting of the Indian Health Service monies for Osages, but it is time for me to do more and to effect a change for the better,” said Dr. Shaw in his campaign announcement.

At the end of the day, the passion for science coupled with his dedication to helping those in need is reflected in his service, both at the health clinic and on the campaign trail. If successful in his bid for Osage Nation Congress, Dr. Shaw plans to continue his work at CPN, helping the Tribe expand its offerings to all members of federally recognized tribes.



VOTE
JOHNSON & CARNEY

Paid for by John "Rocky" Barrett and Linda Capps.

Being a leader is never easy, but this tribe has produced excellent ones. District 7’s Mark Johnson and District 8’s Dave Carney are two of many who fit that description. Together in the tribal legislature we have worked to get more services and cultural programs to our members around the country. It isn’t always perfect, but it is always getting better.



Mark Johnson and Dave Carney have proved they are committed to that cause. Stick with those who have gotten us this far.

VOTE JOHNSON
& CARNEY



Bourbonnais and Slavin Q&A

Candidate Q&A:
District 7 Challenger
Michael Bourbonnais



What does it mean to you to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation?

"As a citizen of the CPN since birth, I have a strong sense of nationality and responsibility. I am grateful for my native heritage, which I actively pursue. I do not just give lip-service to 'preserve culture,' I live it! I am involved, learn our language, active in the Native community, seek Tribal office, and more. My wife belongs to a huge economically and culturally rich Indian nation in Oklahoma. We are blessed with multi-tribal family, friends and support."

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the tribe?

"The greatest challenge facing the tribe is changing the notion of 'success.' New studies indicate that the upcoming American generation is less interested in financial gain than their parents and more interested in job and social fulfillment. The emerging 'digital natives' care less about building enterprises and are more interested in social enterprises. They are hungry for cultural things. Younger generations see the futility of the dominant society paradigm that defines success.

Our young people are sure to reshape CPN governmental agenda in years to come. Within its narrative of success, the Tribe should endorse agents of change, build social enterprise, and include its diverse constituencies at the table of strategic planning."

What inspired you to run in this election?

"My partner in life and I prayed earnestly before entering this race. Upon discussions with Elders and friends, we became excited about the possibilities. Potawatomi are People of the Fire. As such, I am qualified and willing to be Keeper of the Fire and a strong advocate for District 7. My term will be fresh, engaging, honest, and representative of proud Potawatomi living in contemporary society."

If you win the election, what are your plans for the upcoming session?

"Completing the task of balancing governmental powers is a must. CPN government is in a precarious position. Specifically, governmental

structure has three branches: the executive, the judicial, and relatively new legislative branch.

The purpose of legislative branch was to achieve 'three-legged stool' governance — a separation of powers with checks and balances. However, the CPN legislative branch lacks real lawmaking power and critical oversight authority. Therefore, I will work with officials to give our legislature governance powers and institute true checks and balances oversight.

Elect the CPN advocate who has a genuine passion for strong government and for his people's well-being. Together we can make a real difference, mature our government, grow our Nation and people, and not forget who we are along the way. Thank you."

Candidate Q&A:
District 8 Challenger
Clyde Slavin



What does it mean to you to be a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation?

"It means understanding why I am living and doing some of the things I do. It means knowledge of my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and hundreds of aunts, uncles and cousins. It means friendships with people I would never have known and to some degree are related to. It means being able to read a book and imagine how events written are part of my being. It means seeing a turtle, a muskrat, a fisher, a bald eagle, and other creatures and knowing part of me relates to the creatures in ways shared by my Potawatomi parentage. It means seeing the sunrise and sunset and knowing a new day is beginning and another day is ending as it has for Potawatomi for many generations. It means I am a Citizen Potawatomi."

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the tribe?

"At a meeting I attended a few years ago, two groups of individuals met and realized that they were cousins. Without knowledge of relationships, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation can become just another government without connections to the vast majority of its individuals. The biggest challenge is keeping leadership connected to all Citizen Potawatomi and keeping Citizen Potawatomi connected with each other.

A close second challenge is assuring equality of services and benefits whenever possible to every Citizen Potawatomi, wherever they live."

What inspired you to run in this election?

"At the first Oregon Regional

Council meeting on November 1, 1987, Chairman Barrett introduced me to a large part of the Slavin family, the Pearls, that I knew nothing about. I also purchased from R. David Edmunds, his book The Potawatomis – Keepers of the Fire.

I was hooked. I wanted to know more about my family, my tribe. One of the best ways to learn is to be an active participant.

Over the years I have served in many capacities in my community. Most recently I served several communities in Uganda by providing eye care and eyeglasses to over 800 individuals. There is a need and obligation to provide assistance through the use of skills and knowledge learned."

If you win the election, what are your plans for the upcoming session?

"To the Citizen Potawatomi of District 8, I will contact them and ask first, 'What do you need?' Second, 'What do you want?' Third, 'When is the best time to meet?'

My personal goals are:

1. Continue programs that improve Citizen Potawatomi self-awareness of being a tribal member.
2. Improve the general health of members through Citizen Potawatomi Nation-funded programs.
3. Seek constitutional changes that provide more equality of services to Citizen Potawatomi no matter where they live.
4. Provide information to District 8 members so they have control of being Citizen Potawatomi.
5. Provide regularly scheduled meetings in various areas of the district."



JOHN BARRETT
FOR MARK JOHNSON
IN DISTRICT 7



There are many challenges in holding political office, especially if you’re a legislator outside of Oklahoma.

As legislator, Mark Johnson has taken those obstacles in stride, bringing services, scholarships and healthcare opportunities to CPN members in Nevada, California and Hawaii. As a tribal leader, those are characteristics I respect. They’re why I am endorsing Mark Johnson for the District 7 legislative race.

Let’s stay with the man who helped get us here. Vote Mark Johnson for District 7.

Paid for by John “Rocky” Barrett

District 5 meeting - Arizona



Youngest attendee Skyler Earven.



Legislator Gene Lambert with Wisest Tom Goyer.



Some non-Potawatomi guests, eagle-handler Max Kessler with the eagle Sonora.



Sonora is seven years old, and has lived with Liberty Wildlife Education since she broke her wing.



The meeting's farthest traveler, Bob Denton from Wilcox, Ariz.



Bob and Chris Whipple (Ogee).

CPN congratulates our spring 2014 graduates



Ryan James Bury
Family: Lewis
BS in Political Science
University of Washington

Ciara Bricker
Family: Slavin
MA in Social Work
University of Missouri

Cole Rystedt
Family: Bertrand
BA in Economics
Bertrand Carleton College

John Andrew Trevino
Family: Ogee
BA in Architecture
University of Texas at San Antonio

Brenda Cheryl Trevino
Family: Ogee
MBA
Texas Woman's University

Katie Lynn Pradmore Tyler
Family: Bruno
Mannford High School

Blake Weaver
Family: Peltier
BS in Chemical Engineering
University of Notre Dame

Cody John Duncan
Family: Mitchell
BS in Environmental Engineering,
minor in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
University of California Irvine

Shane Kay Duncan
Family: Mitchell
BS in Electrical Engineering
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Family: Burnette and Beaubien
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A member of the Vieux and Johnson families
DISTRICT 7 LEGISLATOR



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RE-ELECT DAVE CARNEY FOR DISTRICT 8

Since 2009, Dave Carney has looked out for CPN members in the Nation's largest district.

Whether you've met him in Wasilla, AK, Olympia, WA or Shawnee, OK, Legislator Dave Carney has been there for the tribe and its members these past six years.



Now is the time to repay that work by again
VOTING FOR DAVE CARNEY
in the District 8 election.





GOVERNMENT

Dé'mengises (June 2014)

People of the Fire

The illegal annexation of tribal land by the City of Shawnee

On Feb. 27, 1867, dozens of Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members gathered on their reservation on the Kansas River and signed a treaty establishing the conditions for the Tribe's removal from Kansas to Indian Territory. These headmen and other respected leaders were not strangers to displacement or dispossession. The Potawatomi were first removed from their ancestral homelands in the Great Lakes region in the 1830s to new territory west of the Mississippi River. Roughly a decade later they were again forced from lands the federal government promised would be their homes forever, and moved to a new reservation in northeast Kansas. These experiences prepared the Citizen Potawatomi for the inevitable hardships that resulted from uprooting their families and starting over in a new place.

After signing the treaty, Tribal leaders and officials of the Office of Indian Affairs agreed that a delegation of Citizen Potawatomi would travel to Indian Territory and select a tract of land, not exceeding thirty square miles, which would become the Tribe's new home. The treaty stipulated that the Tribe would buy the new reservation with proceeds from selling their "surplus" lands in Kansas.

In the winter of 1869, a group of Citizen Potawatomi selected the tract of land in the center of the territory that would become the site of the Citizen Potawatomi reservation. They ultimately paid \$119,790 for the land. Tribal members had to save money to fund their own relocation and finalize their affairs in Kansas, so the earliest families to make the journey to their new reserve arrived in Indian Territory in 1872.

For almost twenty years the Citizen Potawatomi worked the land and struggled to survive and flourish in the challenging

conditions of Indian Territory. In 1890, the federal government derailed those efforts by forcing the Citizen Potawatomi and other tribes in the area to participate in the allotment process, legislated by the Dawes Act of 1887. This act dictated that the Citizen Potawatomi accept individual allotments of land. Those lands that remained unallotted were then purchased at a rate far below the fair-market value and classified as "surplus" so it could be opened for non-Indian settlement.

On the morning of Tuesday, September 22, 1891, more than twenty thousand non-Indian settlers gathered on foot, horseback, and with wagons for the starting pistol of the Land Run of 1891. They hoped to claim one of the seven thousand available plots, each one hundred and sixty acres in size. At noon, the pistol fired.

More than half of the original 900 square mile Citizen Potawatomi reservation, approximately three hundred thousand acres, disappeared overnight. What had been legally purchased less than twenty-five years before was simply given away by the U.S. government.

For more than two centuries the Citizen Potawatomi Nation looked to restore the Tribe to the level of economic success it enjoyed prior to their forced removal from the Great Lakes region. After settling in Indian Territory and enduring the Land Run and Statehood era of government, Tribal leaders worked throughout the early twentieth century to reestablish the foundations of a Tribe that had been repeatedly abused by the federal government. However, by the 1960s, Citizen Potawatomi Nation leaders found themselves once again fighting for land which was promised to them by the United States.

In April of 1962, the business committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation approved a

resolution on how to divide land that was being relinquished by the Bureau of Indian Affairs between CPN and the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe in Pottawatomie County. The land in question included the former Indian Sanatorium Hospital, and was being turned over to the tribes because the hospital had recently closed.

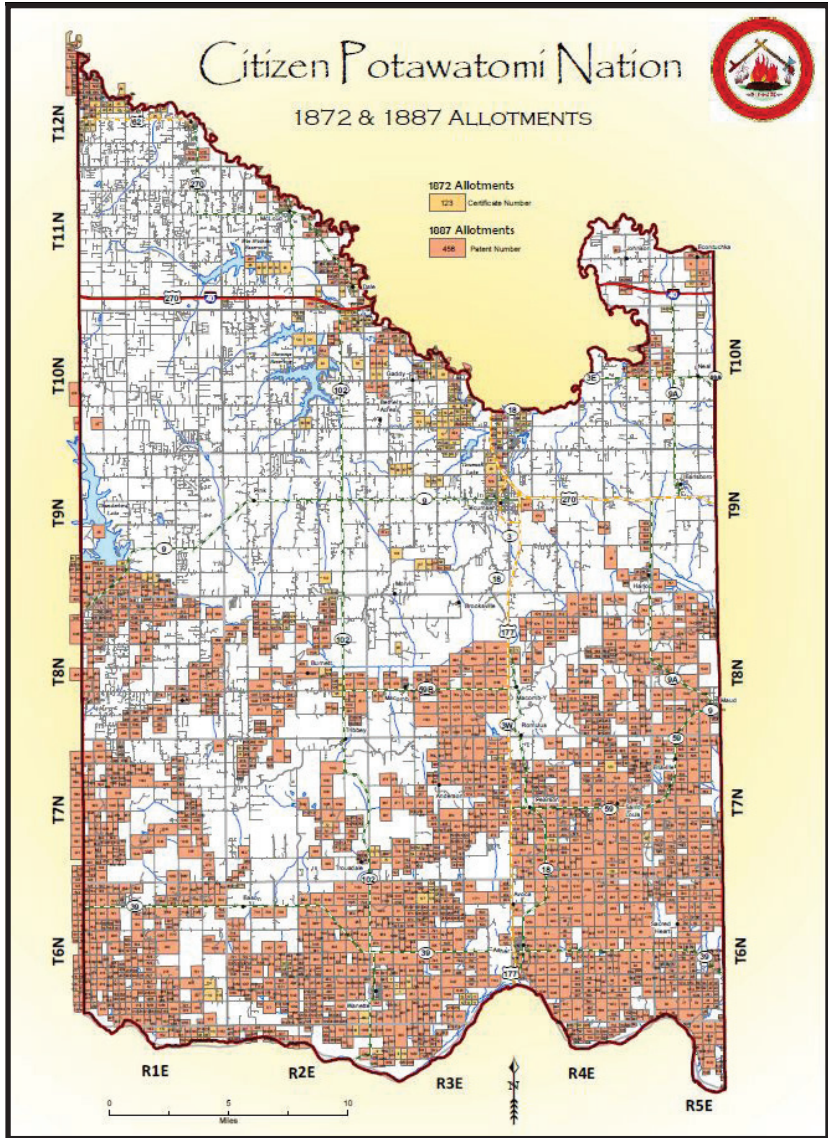
The resolution stated that the "tracts of land be designated as key tracts in connection with the socio-economic development program for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma since these tracts are strategically located for the development of the Tribe."

Citizen Potawatomi Nation struggled for another decade to establish and develop businesses. Ten years after that 1962 resolution, CPN was still limited to just \$550 in a bank account and an abandoned BIA trailer serving as Tribal headquarters.

Following decades of forced assimilation and the termination of dozens of Tribal governments, the 1975 Indian Self Determination Act was passed by the U.S. Congress. This act allocated funds directly to tribes, giving them the authority to control their own welfare. By the late 1980s, the CPN began to flourish, fulfilling the resolution written two decades before.

Now, more than 50 years after the Citizen Potawatomi set out to use their land for the advancement of the Tribe and its people, investing millions of dollars in planned strategic growth, the government of the City of Shawnee is after the profit made by the Potawatomi.

Today, the City of Shawnee claims it annexed this land in 1961 through City Ordinance 156NS. However, they acted without regard for proper annexation procedures set out by state law and ignored meeting guidelines for the City. On



The original tribal jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

December 12, 1961, the City Commission rushed an emergency hearing to vote on the annexation of lands around the Pottawatomie County Hospital. Commissioners were informed of the meeting, set for noon on December 13, 1961, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. the day before. Though all such meetings require 48 hours public notice, the Commission's actions gave only 19 hours notice. According to the minutes of the proceedings, they made no attempt to post notice of the meeting publicly and made no effort to determine who were the rightful owners of the land and ask permission for the annexation, a binding legal requirement under state law. The Commission wanted to force the ordinance through with no debate, so the tribes were intentionally left in the dark.

The 1961 Oklahoma statutes on land annexation required that land either be annexed by petition, requested by land owners, or with written consent from three quarters of the land owners. They further stipulate that legal notice of the annexation must be published in local newspapers at least once for two successive weeks ahead of any meeting. The City of Shawnee Commission did not have written consent from either the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or the federal government, the two land owning parties. They only published one legal notice about the annexation, and it ran in the paper two days after they had already voted. In their haste, they acted illegally in order to gain control of the land legally held for Native American Tribes. The sole purpose of these

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Vice-Chairman Capps, others, run unopposed



Linda Capps.

With absentee ballots in the mail and the June 28 Election Day fast approaching, contests in District 7 and 8 are in the final stretch. While the outcome of those two races will be announced at the General Council meeting on the afternoon of Election Day, four other Tribal offices have already been filled. Due to a lack of opponents, incumbents in the Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, District 5 and District 6 legislative offices will all serve another term.

Vice-Chairman Linda Capps announced her intention to run for

another term in her December 2013 *Hownikan* column. Capps, who has served in the Tribal leadership positions since 1990, said of her decision, "I have contemplated the economic environment that will be needed in the future to provide health coverage, housing and other services, cultural enhancement, infrastructure and acquisitions that will affect the portrait of a growing Nation. The challenge to remain a part of that planning process for four more years is compelling. I accept the responsibility and understand that if I am elected in June of 2013, there will continue to be a lot of work involved."

Incumbent Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, who will begin his fourth term in office, also announced his intention in the December 2013 *Hownikan*.

"With the permission of the elders and the vote of the council I would very much like to continue in my position. Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and I are up for re-election in 2013. I believe that our Executive team, including Chairman Barrett, has a very good balance of both talent and opinion."

District 6's Rande Payne also announced his candidacy for re-

election. "I am purpose-driven and I believe in Chairman Barrett's vision of CPN being a truly sovereign nation through economic development and cultural preservation. With the knowledge and experience I've gained in my first term I believe I am better equipped to contribute and I look forward to being an active member of the Legislature in striving to meet our Nation's goals should the membership choose to re-elect me."

In District 5, Gene Lambert also announced her intention to run for another term. "As I have said before, we have come a long way and have yet a ways to go," stated Lambert in January's *Hownikan*, regarding her decision to run. "Things never stay the same. You are either going forward or backwards. I choose forward."

Only CPN members who are 18 or older by Election Day will be eligible to vote. All eligible CPN voters can vote in the election for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, while only those who live within a district may vote for the legislative representative running in their respective district races.

ELECT
MICHAEL
DYKSTRA
SHAWNEE CITY COMMISSIONER

CPN member Michael Dykstra believes in the future of Shawnee. He and his wife are committed to making Shawnee a great place to live and raise a family.

"The people of Shawnee are hard-working, down-to-earth and responsible with their money. They deserve a city government that reflects those same values and spends municipal funds wisely. If you honor me with your vote, that's what I promise to do."



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There is hope in dealing with the Department of Veterans Affairs

By Alice M. Hall, Bourassa-Chilson-Mann family member

While we mourn those lost in overseas wars, both past and present, many more veterans and their families are left to deal with the consequences of the sacrifices made by servicemen and women. Though the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is meant to assist those who wore the uniform, it often fails those it is supposed to serve. My husband of more than 55 years, Jerry Pat Hall, was one such veteran.

Jerry was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. From May 1970 to May 1971, he served with Tactical Air Command, Eighth Fighter Wing at Ubon Royal Airfield in Thailand. On top of his responsibilities on base, Jerry participated in body recovery missions into Vietnam, though official records of these missions were not kept. There, he was exposed to defoliant herbicides, more commonly known as Agent Orange. Also, a VA report from

2012 stated that the perimeter of the airfield was sprayed with Agent Orange. When not on duty, Jerry lived off base with other NCOs due to lack of adequate lodging on the base, and he volunteered at a local orphanage. Throughout his tour of duty in Southeast Asia, he was continually exposed to Agent Orange when coming on and off duty at the air field.

Though Jerry was authorized and often participated in operations across the border in Vietnam, his discharge papers did not show he was in action there. Yet when Jerry's tour in Thailand ended, he was authorized to wear the Vietnam Service Ribbon and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

For nearly three years after his return from Southeast Asia, he constantly suffered from bad headaches, respiratory illnesses and painful abscesses on his back, shoulders and upper arms. Despite his nightmares, Jerry did not want to be in groups of people such as chapel or indoor social gatherings.

As a Christian family, we take situations in stride and work them out to benefit all the best we can, and we did so then.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1975, Jerry worked as a campus security officer at Ponca City High School (Okla.) for nearly two decades. Though his cough never went away, he was in relatively good health. Then in 1991, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. The tumor, prostate, and lymph nodes were surgically removed. In 1999, he was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. These diagnoses came as a surprise to us because for the three preceding generations, none of my husband's family members had prostate cancer or diabetes.

In 2001, Jerry filed a disability claim with the VA due to exposure to Agent Orange. A year later, in October 2002, we received a letter from the VA stating that "due to the number of applications filed... action on your claim may be delayed."

We never heard from the VA again.

Nine years later, suffering from recurrent prostate cancer, COPD, severe neuropathy of the legs and feet, Type 2 Diabetes and declining kidney functions, Jerry finally met with a specialist in defoliant herbicide illnesses. The doctor said my husband's symptoms were classic signs of exposure to Agent Orange. After Jerry explained that he already had filed a claim, the doctor followed up with the VA and found that Jerry's 2001 application was received, reviewed and closed out on Feb. 25, 2003, without a ruling or notification. Further investigation into the VA's records showed that following that decision, his one year to appeal expired on Feb. 25, 2004.



Jerry Pat Hall was a U.S. Airman who was exposed to Agent Orange during his tour in Thailand and Vietnam.

Jerry passed away on March 20, 2011. I shared the awful suffering he endured caused by exposure to Agent Orange. As his widow, it then became my claim. Needing assistance in navigating the bureaucratic nightmare than many veterans and their families know too well, I enlisted the help of CPN Vets Representative Clyde "Rowdy" Yates.

Rowdy has been trained by the VA to help veterans and their families in their interactions with the department. With his assistance, I continued my appeals on behalf of Jerry. In early 2014, the VA finally admitted that he did suffer from his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Southeast Asia and approved a settlement.

I write to tell all those out there, whether a veteran or a family member, that there is help out there for you. Clyde, a member of the CPN Veterans Organization,

helped me, and is there for you too. As Festival approaches, I want to encourage everyone who needs help to seek out our Veterans Organization and speak to Clyde and the other vets. My goal in reaching out to Clyde was to finish Jerry's appeal with a fair and sensible conclusion. I encourage all reading to do the same, because there is hope for your claim. If you are a veteran, or know one, please encourage them to get in contact with the CPN Veterans Service Office.

Contact Clyde Yates by phone at 405-598-0797 or via email, cyates@potwatomi.org. For Oklahoma-based Native American veterans, more information is available through the American Indian Program at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla.



CPN Veterans Rep. Clyde "Rowdy" Yates is trained to help veterans get their VA paperwork moving through the bureaucratic machinery.

Illegal annexation continued...

actions by the City Commission was to profit from any future development of the land.

Also of note was the City Commission's disregard for other standing legal principals when it comes to land annexation. Specifically, the Commission blatantly disregarded existing laws specifying that it was illegal to tax land that was annexed in parcels larger than 40 acres.

The land illegally annexed by way of City Ordinance 156NS encompassed two distinct parcels of land. The first parcel was owned by the federal government, while the other was owned by the Tribe. Despite this distinct difference in ownership the City of Shawnee claims to have annexed both with a single ordinance rather than following the proper procedures for each.

One parcel, comprising 57.99 acres which includes present-day Tribal businesses, including FireLake Discount Foods, was given to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by the Secretary of the Interior in September 1960. The larger parcel of land supposedly annexed by this same ordinance was the 194 acres that included the land and structures that were part of the Shawnee Indian Sanatorium. This larger parcel was controlled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs until it was divided between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in 1963.

Because the land was owned by the Federal Government and the

tribes, Federal law required the signature and authority of the Secretary of Interior before it was sold. The City of Shawnee never determined who owned the land and never requested permission of the Secretary of the Interior before their rushed annexation.

Tribal resolutions and minutes from Citizen Potawatomi Business Committee meetings suggest that members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation believed that the federal government, specifically the United States Public Health Service, still owned the land in 1962.

A representative from the Bureau of Indian Affairs attended the April 1962 meeting of the CPN Business Committee where the issue was discussed, confirming that the Tribe believed the land was still in control of the United States Government. Although the City of Shawnee claims that this same land was annexed into the City of Shawnee in 1961, the land owners were never advised and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Absentee Shawnee Tribe continued their plans to use their land for the economic benefit of the tribes.

In the early 1980s, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation began bingo and golf enterprises. In 1984, it created a tax commission and opened smoke shops. In 1988, Congress passed the Self-Governance Act and National Indian Gaming Act. For the first time in centuries, Native American tribes were finally allowed to govern themselves and pave their own way toward economic self-sufficiency.

In 1988 FireLake Casino opened for business and CPN purchased First National Bank, a Shawnee-based financial institution. Throughout the 1990s, the Tribe continued to flourish. New programs and enterprises were added to CPN's portfolio and agreements for the Tribe to manage its own affairs were signed with the United States Indian Health Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In 2001 Citizen Potawatomi Nation opened one of its largest enterprises, FireLake Discount Foods. The grocery store serves as one of the only grocery stores in rural Pottawatomie County and also provides a larger tax base so that Citizen Potawatomi Nation could expand the programs and services for Tribal members and community members.

Throughout the 2000s CPN continued to diversify rapidly, adding new businesses and creating jobs. The Tribe opened FireLake Grand Casino, expanded the locations of First National Bank, opened a bowling center and ball fields. To serve its growing number of members, CPN created the first "virtual legislature" so that the eight legislative districts across the United States and the eight legislative districts in Oklahoma could meet via simulcast.

This economic development created a significant impact in the local communities. CPN created 7 out of every 10 jobs in Shawnee during that time and by 2012 CPN's total economic impact had grown

to more than \$522 million.

Yet during this time of growth and prosperity, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation had never received notice that its land had been illegally annexed in 1961.

In February 2014, City of Shawnee officials demanded that four local Native American tribes begin paying a three percent city sales tax on goods sold to non-tribal members. Of those tribes, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has the largest retail operation with FireLake Discount Foods. The City blames the Tribes' economic development for decreasing tax revenue.

Since that time a series of letters and data has been exchanged between tribal and city officials. On March 24, officials from the Sac and Fox Nation, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Kickapoo Tribe and Citizen Potawatomi Nation met with City of Shawnee officials at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Despite numerous attempts to point out the illegality in the City's 1961 annexation during the meeting, officials from Shawnee paid little regard to the issue.

A letter from City Commissioner James Harrod states that the City believes "the [annexation] ordinances are presumed valid at this late date."

Stances like this from City Commissioners come as no surprise given the rhetoric and disregard for tribal sovereignty expressed during

the meeting. One city official pointedly asked tribal government representatives if they "believed in one Nation under God."

Another casually asserted that the grocery sales tax was the only issue that mattered to the City, telling tribal representatives that "We're not interested in the profits from your beads, art work and moccasins from your gift shops."

The current City of Shawnee government can't be blamed for the hasty actions of an administration from five decades ago. What they can do, however, is respect the sovereign authority of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and other tribes which border the City.

The facts in this case are simple: Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a sovereign nation with the authority to assess and collect taxes. A municipality cannot annex land from the United States government without the consent of three-quarters of land owners. This is especially relevant given that the land where CPN enterprises operate is currently held in trust for the Tribe by the federal government. Therefore, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its enterprises are not located with the City of Shawnee, and are exempt from taxation by any state or city municipality.

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Potawatomi photographer Hoogstraten's regalia photos featured at art exhibit

In today's world, anyone can capture a photograph with the touch of a button from their phone. In past years, during Family Reunion Festival, tribal members have been doing just that, documenting the memories for generations to come. For the past four years, CPN member and professional photographer, Sharon Hoogstraten, has done the same but with an artist's approach to each photograph. The result of her chronicling of the Tribe's annual gathering is featured in a month long gallery exhibit at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in Chicago, Illinois.

The Welch-family descendent was born and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She received her Bachelors of Science in Professional Photography at Rochester Institute of Technology and a Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Hoogstraten had the project in the back of her mind for quite some time. She reached out to CPN knowing they accepted art for the Family Reunion Festival, explaining she wished to document the annual Tribal gathering for historical purposes. As a result, the idea turned into a four year project that has documented the modernity of Potawatomi tradition.

"I knew I always wanted to do a photo project to preserve history for my Tribe," said Hoogstraten. "I was inspired to capture members preserving the traditional dress of their ancestors, but also relating regalia to contemporary living and their own personal stories."

Her photographic portrait project of Potawatomi Indians in regalia aims to capture the tradition in a modern sense. Hoogstraten would have each subject pose in traditional stance, which would then lead into small movements and eventually full on dancing. She chose to capture subjects

regardless of age or gender in order to show the full range of each style within the traditions.

"The whole idea of my project is to capture the essence of Potawatomi traditions and create a place in history for the Tribe," said Hoogstraten. "Preserving the faces, stories, and regalia of modern Potawatomis will contribute to a better understanding of their transformed place in the diverse life of America."

In September 2013, Hoogstraten along with her mother Jo Anne Prickett Hoogstraten, joined the Trail of Death caravan with several CPN members and other travelers interested in the history of the Potawatomi. There she met a lady named Susan Estall, who was doing research on the Underground Railroad in Illinois. Estall took part in the caravan after she found out that the Potawatomi played a part in the Underground Railroad by helping free slaves in the Great Lakes area. After discussing their respective works, Estall mentioned Hoogstraten's project to the curator at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

"I'm so grateful for the chance meeting with Susan Estall on the Trail of Death caravan," said Hoogstraten. "If I didn't happen to meet her, this opportunity would have never occurred."

For the first several years working on her project, Hoogstraten reached out to KGFF news director, Michael Dodson. He "booked" willing subjects he knew possessed full regalia.

Hoogstraten explained "The last year I worked on the project, people started to recognize me and the process was easier to ask individuals



Legislator Roy Slavin and his wife Julia attended the event in Chicago, with Hoogstraten's work in the background.

dressed in regalia during Family Reunion Festival if they would be interested in having their photograph taken."

Hoogstraten uses a medium format Hasselblad camera with a Phase 1 digital back to capture each subject. The style of camera she uses has a superior quality that retains extreme detail in large prints. The lenses Hoogstraten uses are prime focal length lenses. In practical terms, the lenses give a first person view, showing a subject in the same perspective a person would see them with their own eyes in real life.

"I can't begin to express how thankful I am for everyone who had a hand in helping with this project and for the individuals who were willing to take time out of their lives to pose for the images," explained Hoogstraten. "It was amazing how willing and

open people were to help out. The whole process felt like a group effort to maintain the history of the Potawatomi people. I made a lot of friends and am hoping this is just a good beginning to this project and that I can continue to capture more subjects."

Currently residing in the Logan Square district of Chicago, Hoogstraten plans to continue her documentation of the "People of the Place of the Fire." Her future plans are to reach out to other Potawatomi tribes to see the similarities and differences between each band through photography.

For more information on Hoogstraten's project "Dancing for My Tribe: Potawatomi Tradition in Modern Times", visit www.rockefeller.uchicago.edu or see her website hoogstratenphotography.com.



Sharon Hoogstraten speaks with attendees at her exhibit.



CPN officials, FireLake Designs employees and the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon at the grand opening.

FireLake Designs opens retail location

Those looking for a custom T-shirt design or a new business logo need just to stroll south across the North Canadian River to FireLake Designs new retail location.

Welcoming officials from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, City of Shawnee and the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, FireLake Designs Director Lakisha Meade showed attendees around the new store located at 1109 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, Okla.

"We're thrilled to open this second store along one of the busiest traffic corridors in the area," said Meade. "Our design team already has a great reputation with local

customers, but we expect the increased visibility the location brings will enable us to expand our clientele even more."

Open Mon.-Fri. from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Sat. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., FireLake Designs' in-house graphic artist Darek Johns works with customers to create an individualized design, regardless of the need.

"When people come in, they already have a design in mind. My job is to help them get that idea onto paper, and eventually on whatever format they need," explained Johns.

FireLake Designs products run the gamut from family reunion T-shirts and team uniforms, to signage for local businesses. They also offer price matching when customers bring in an original quote from competitors.

The second location of FireLake Designs sits just south of the Gordon Cooper Bridge spanning the North Canadian River. Open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. each weekday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays, its staff will work with you or your organization to get the best product for the price you're willing to spend. To learn more information call 405-878-8770 or visit www.FireLakeDesigns.com.

Summer activities underway for CPN youth The Fire Lodge Tribal Youth Program is gearing up for another busy summer in 2014!

The summer program runs Mon.-Thurs. from 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. This year, we have partnered with several departments across the tribe and across the community to serve our teens with education, activities, and special field trips that they themselves have requested and/or expressed the need for. The director of the FireLake Wellness Center, Leslie Cooper, is again providing health and wellness programs two days a week as she and her staff have done for the past five years. A partnership with the Title VI program (our Potawatomi Elders) and director Tami Fleeman also continue this year. Youth share lunch once a week, are taught various arts, crafts or cultural practices each week, and serve their elders by tending to a community garden, moving heavy furniture and connect and serve those who've gone before us.

Without these two agencies, our summer programs could not function at the same standard that we have been blessed to offer youth in our community over the past six years.

To date, there are currently 25 teens on our waiting list. Although we wish we could serve each of them, transportation and budget restrictions are a current concern. All Potawatomi members between 12-17 are given preference for enrollment and those in current out of home placements (foster care/guardianship) are also a primary concern.

Donate and Visit us for this Annual Sale Event: You'll be Serving the Entire Community as a Result!

The fourth annual community garage sale on CPN grounds is scheduled for Saturday, June 14

from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to coincide with the Jim Thorpe Games, hosted by CPN this year. New this year, we are also encouraging CPN elders and other housing residents to sell their traditional crafts and also plan to hold a raffle drawing for a plasma screen television. Gently used, clean donations will be accepted on Thurs. evening, June 12 from 6-8 p.m. and on Fri. June 13 from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. We will also be serving a light breakfast as well as lunch, for your shopping convenience. We thank you for the ongoing support and time that you contribute to our youth! This year we will be using all proceeds to travel to the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico where we have been invited to participate in their annual feast. Following that, 20 youth will travel to and visit Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. for a campus tour and recruitment event.

THE ULTIMATE GARAGE SALE IS BACK!

Saturday, June 14, 2014
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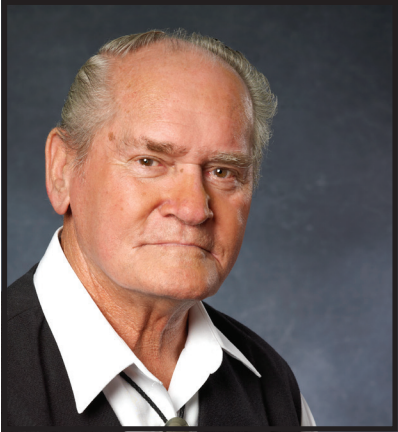
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

CPN Gymnasium - 2365 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee
(just south of the CPN Wellness Center)

FireLodge Youth Council (FYC) and CPN Housing Authority
have teamed up for the ultimate garage sale and shopping experience! Residents of Citizen Place North and Elder's Housing will sell their personal and/or craft items. Members of the FireLodge Youth Council will collect donations prior to the sale.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS & DROP OFFS
June 12 from 6pm-8pm and Friday, June 13 from 7:30am-5:30pm

District 1 – Roy Slavin



Bozho, Nikan

I have just returned from Chicago, Ill. My wife Julia and I had the privilege of attending an exhibition of Potawatomi regalia photographed by tribal member Sharon Hoogstraten, at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago. The exhibition was preceded by a service woven from elements of diverse faith traditions with CPN member Dr. George Godfrey. It also included numerous photographs of CPN members in their regalia, photographed by Sharon Hoogstraten. They had been enlarged and transferred to canvas, each approximately three feet by four feet.

Said Sharon, “My photographic portrait project of Potawatomi Indians in regalia is the story of a wholly modern people preserving the traditional dress of their ancestors while also relating it to contemporary living. My intention is to create images so compelling that they become the record for our place on the timeline of Potawatomi and American history. I want to portray the evolution of our ancestral dress interpreted by descendants who live in a world of sewing machines, duct tape, favorite sports teams and service to our country. Indian regalia is not a re-enactment or artifact of the past, but uniquely created design informing our future.”

Well done Sharon, mission accomplished.

Another highlight of the exhibition was the singing of “How great thou art” by a Matthew Dean, a member of the choir.

I will close as always with a plea for your contact information. I can be reached at the address and phone number below.

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District 2 – Eva Carney



Bozho nikanek!

Hand game competition. This year we definitely will have a District 2 Hand Game team, perhaps even two teams, given the level of interest. I will have blue and red hats from FireLake Designs and some fun buttons to pin on them to remind everyone that we are ready to defend our 2013 title of Hand Game

Championship team. The buttons read “Challenge Accepted.” The competition will be on the Friday night of Festival—please check your Festival calendar once it is issued, come on time and ready to play. I won’t play myself, but will sort us into teams, distribute hats and buttons, give some instruction on game rules, and cheer loudly. This competition is always a fun time!

Winner of the 5th annual District 2 New Year contest. Twenty-year-old Zinho Deprez, from North Carolina, was the randomly-selected District 2 winner of my latest New Year contest. Zinho submitted a stunning photograph of an eagle, taken on the Kenai River when he worked up in Alaska last summer. Zinho has posted his wildlife and fishing photographs at zinhosphotography.smugmug.com. Zinho’s prize is a Pendleton blanket from our gift shop in Shawnee. Thanks to everyone who sent in an entry; all will be included in the CPN-

themed calendar that I will produce and send to contest entrants. I think you’ll be proud to hang the calendar in your office or home in 2015!

Reminder to visit my website and keep in touch. Contest submissions will be posted to my website soon.



Already posted are short reports and selected photos from the recent District 2 meetings in Manhattan (joint meeting with District 1), Orlando and Charlotte. And information is up about CPN benefits and services, Indian Health Service facilities, culture and

more. You can also find *Hownikan* columns, and, accordingly, my collected “rants” about the Redskins name, among other topics! If you have questions, comments, or ideas to share with me I hope you will do so through email, phone, letter or even a private message through Facebook. Please don’t be put off by the distance between us. Building our CPN community in District 2 continues to be my top priority as your Legislator.

Migwetch/thank you,
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District 3 – Bob Whistler



Bozho,

Here we are again, just a few weeks away from our annual get together at Family Festival the weekend of June 27-29. It reminds me of the article written by my fellow representative,

Lisa Kraft in the May 2013 *Hownikan*. Her timing and subject was right on target where she covered Grand Entry, and what you need to wear. I know that this writing is not quite as timely as far as reminding you to think about how you will participate in this wonderful event, where as Lisa put it: “We all dance in the footsteps of our loved ones—past and present. Please help keep the arena a sacred place.”

By this, she meant, you must be in the proper attire, and be aware of our heritage and cultural respect. For females a shawl is preferred, along with a skirt or at least fairly long pants. Shorts and bare mid-drifts are not meant to be in the arena. For males, a sash or ribbon shirt is the desired top. A tank top or what I call an undershirt is not the dress of the day at this occasion. Think back to when you were just six,

or seven, or maybe eight years old and it was Sunday morning and you were getting ready to go to church. You didn’t just wear your old cut-off shorts or tank top for this special day. There is no difference. Our Chairman blesses the arena, and the evening is a reminder and replication of our past and ancestors. It is a sacred undertaking and all of us ask that you enter the arena in dignity and be a respectful participant. In the event you don’t have a shawl or a ribbon shirt, the gift shop at the Cultural Heritage Center tends to stock up on those items. There should also be vendors in and around the round house with these items for sale. The cost really isn’t that much when you consider the fact that when you go to a concert or out to dinner at a good restaurant, you would spend as much or more for that one evening. Whereas once you have your shawl or ribbon

shirt it can be worn over and over at other events where it fits in.

Before closing for this month, I do want to mention to not only my senior constituents in Texas, but anyone on basic Medicare that the Affordable Care Act has a rule that can cause you great expense if not known. If you have one of the Advantage plans you most likely have no exposure, but you should check your plan to be certain. The rule change is *if you enter the hospital for observation rather than treatment you are obligated to bear the full cost for that stay*.

So check before being admitted to a hospital to be sure you’re covered by your medical plan and are not awakened by a surprisingly large bill. For example, many times when someone has a heart attack, the entry

made by the hospital is that you are being admitted for observation, so your Medicare does not cover that expense.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, which I am honored to do, and very proud of the fact that you elected me. I look forward to seeing you at Family Festival.

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District 4 – Jon Boursaw



Foot care clinic now available in Rossville. The Senior Support Network staff in Rossville is now offering a foot care clinic. Initially the clinic is being held on the third Thursday of every month from 1–3 p.m. They are not making appointments, so it is a first-come, first-served basis. In the future they may have to make appointments. They will be trimming and filing toenails, as well as monitoring feet for any health issues. If you have any questions, please call the staff at 785-584-6171. Normally they are away from the office making home visits, so leave a message and they will call you back.

Naming Ceremony for Lavon Lybarger Hill (Age 101). That day was very emotional for everyone in attendance, including me. I started

the activities with a brief recap of the history of her Tribal family, the Vieux family. She had very little previous information about her family history. I gave her a picture of her great-grandmother with her four sisters and one of Louis Vieux, her great-great-grandfather. The name we gave her is Woman Who Makes Music. In her life she had played the piano and organ for her church and sang in choirs. Although Lavon knew very little about her family’s tribal history, she let it be known that she always knew that she was a Citizen Potawatomi and proud of it and Friday truly filled a lot of voids she’d had about her family’s past.

Support Tribal member owned businesses: Robertson Monuments. Chris Gorrell and his wife Hallee purchased Robertson Monuments,

founded in 1903, about two years ago. They are one of the last true mom-and- pop monument companies around. Hallee does all of the sales and design work, and Chris does the engraving and setting. They feel that this gives them the ability to give their customers an exceptional level of service. They also engrave glass, mirror, and limestone. They are able to ship anywhere in the states with their smaller items. As for the Monuments, they generally work in a 150 mile radius from Salina, Kan, but can make arrangements to travel outside of the area. Visit their website at www.robertsonmonuments.com or call them at 785-392-3097.

2014 Family Reunion Festival. I hope to have the opportunity to meet everyone from District 4 sometime during the Festival weekend. If you

see me wandering around make effort to say hello and introduce yourself. I want to extend an invitation to all District 4 Tribal veterans coming to the Festival to attend the CPN Veterans meeting, normally held on Saturday morning. Check the Festival schedule of events for details and location of the meeting.

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District 5 – Gene Lambert



We are right around the corner from the Family Reunion in Shawnee this year. In case it snuck up on you as it has me, this year is half over. It has been a great first half, you must admit. Housing is up, interest is down and hopefully that has given all of you a better sense of well-being.

We have made many strides and a lot of progress within the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation as well. Linda Capps, Vice Chairperson, and John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, continue to work their magic. May I recommend that you watch the legislative teleconferences to see for yourself the legislation and activities that are being addressed? They can be seen at <http://www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature>.

We had our Arizona District 5 Meeting on May 3. If you were unable to make it you missed a great time, as we had hundreds of stories, fabulous food and a live eagle for you to observe. Let's not forget the wisest, youngest, and the one who came the greatest distance to attend and the gifts they received. Photos of the proceedings can be found on page 8 of this *Hownikan*. I hope you will take a minute to enjoy them. There is always next year!

I'd like to extend a personal thank you to Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark, who came to assist with news from

home. He carries a wealth of knowledge and is an extremely talented individual. I learn more every time we talk. He is the one you go to when you need your IDs created or replaced, or to discuss your personal family heritage. He wears many hats, all of which he handles with distinction.

Another gentleman who volunteered his time was Max Bessler from Liberty Wildlife, who brought Sonora. She is a beautiful bald eagle and we learned a great deal about her, her habits, and characteristics. She wasn't even bothered by the many photo flashes when she would spread her wings. The Arizona Fish and Game Department told me Max was the go-to person—one of the few who can handle Sonora. Eagles, like people, have those they function with better than others.

Given that we have our own eagle aviary in Shawnee, a magnificent sight, I thought you might enjoy learning and seeing up-close and

personal the real thing. Some of you may never make it to Shawnee to see all the impressive buildings and businesses, superseded only by the great employees and family members. I thought you might enjoy just a little taste of what is waiting there for you.

I know life takes off and the months roll with our busy schedules. You really need to work time in for a sample of your heritage. If you don't plan it now it will never happen and you will then wish you had. Put it on your bucket list. I know once you have been there you will want to return time after time.

We are planning our District 5, Colorado Meeting on June 7, so watch for your invitations. For those of you wanting Potawatomi names, please let me know a couple weeks ahead, so arrangements can be made.

Thank you all again for being a part of my family. I always enjoy seeing you at least once each year – if not more.

As I said in the meeting, you can always reach me by phone. All calls are forwarded to my cell for faster acknowledgement. I will return your call if you leave me your contact information.

Take care, be safe, and let me hear from you about your concerns, suggestions, or just to visit.

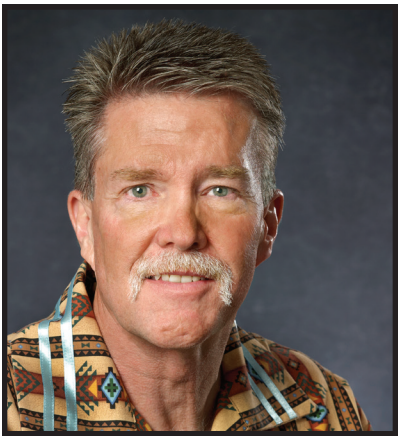
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District 6 – Rande K. Payne



Ahau Jayek,

Well, March 15 has come and gone so I'm left with a bit of emptiness. I can't explain how much I enjoy getting together with other Potawatomi. San Diego was such a fun time for me in a lot of different ways.

First and not specific to just San Diego, I just love our people. So many of our District 6 members are just plain old pleasant and dog gone fun to be around, making it difficult to draw the gatherings to a close. One can never run out of things to share about being Potawatomi! It seems we always

have a number of people, myself included, who like to hang around and visit long after the lights have been turned off.

Second, I really enjoyed the area. San Diego could easily be the shining star of our state. You can't beat the climate and there is no end to the activities and attractions available. The Veteran's Museum was such a delightful venue. The museum is self-funded through fundraising events and hosting of events such as ours, so I'm especially proud that we were able to help support our veterans in that way.

Lastly, sharing knowledge is the part about my role as a Legislator that I find the most rewarding. Our heritage and culture is an area that most of us want to know more about. While I enjoy everything about the times when we gather as Potawatomi, talking specifically about the traditional way of life enjoyed by our ancestors is always my favorite time.

Because tobacco was one of the first gifts to the Anishnabe from the Creator I felt it was important for us to explore the history, significance and proper use of one of our most valuable medicines. What we found was that tobacco truly is a significant part of our heritage.

When we look closer than how it's used in our ceremonies one finds themselves developing a much deeper understanding, appreciation and respect for this most useful element. I do hope that those in attendance walked away with a better understanding and elevated awareness of traditional tobacco's role in the lives of our ancestors and our lives today.

Along with tobacco, something that many of us know very little about is drumming. While I wasn't equipped with as much knowledge as I had hoped, I was hopefully able to expose everyone to at least some fundamental aspects of drumming. Singing “The Morning Song” using my new hand drum, which I've grown very attached to by the way, was an honor for me. It was a great way to begin our time together.

Of course all our gatherings begin with prayer and smudging as they should. “The Morning Song” is very much a praise and appreciation song to the Creator so it was quite appropriate and I think helped open the door for a spirit of warmth and thankfulness among everyone.

And no gathering would be complete without the honoring of our youngest,

farthest traveled and wisest. And because we were in a place created for honoring our veterans I felt it appropriate to also recognize our Potawatomi warriors. Martin Hagler was the wisest warrior in attendance and was honored with an eagle feather from the CPN eagle aviary in recognition of his service to our country.

On the business side of things we went through a long list of benefits available to tribal members including a time for questions and answers. Many of the needed forms and resources available on the CPN website were provided as well. CPN member Beverly Neddeau-McDonough also shared information about some of the many services available to tribal members outside of CPN through a variety of government agencies. Beverly is the Native American liaison for New Horizons Computer Learning Center. Beverly works with many different tribes helping them set up computer systems. Beverly hopes to have compiled a list of the available services for our use very soon. Please contact me for further information.

We also went through a summary of recent resolutions discussed and passed in the Legislature as well as all

that's been going on with the city of Shawnee. Hopefully the information provided helped everyone feel more connected to the inner workings of our tribal government.

I'm truly sorry for providing only the summary version of the gathering. I would like to be able to go into more detail for those unable to attend but unfortunately space is limited. I hope you and yours are doing well. Until next month...

Bama pi...

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10: 24-25

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District 7 – Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek,

This will be the last issue of the *Hownikan* prior to the Family Festival and the legislative election that occurs on the Saturday during Festival. I would like to take this time to reflect on past events, and share some thoughts for the future. When I initially decided to run to be your representative for District 7, I was encouraged to do so by some family and quite a few friends. I knew I could make a difference with my experience in public service, and the knowledge of our Tribe that had been raised within me from childhood by my father.

As I grew from a young child, I watched the elders in the family pray that our Tribe would somehow find the strength to regain its proud heritage. At the time, meetings were quite dysfunctional, and fighting between those in power and those who wanted the power was commonplace. The constitutional change creating the legislature has now guaranteed that the Nation will not return to those dark days of fighting over power. The executive officers and the legislative representatives are elected by the people with a majority vote. I am proud to be a part of a government that truly works. We don't always agree, but we are civil to each other and are always able to find common ground.

The greatest task for a legislator is to advocate for the members within the districts, and provide balance to those needs. By not giving any one part of the tribe greater value than any other, we are able to come together and give the leadership needed to set the course for the next 10 generations of Potawatomi children, who won't need to live in fear of not having a heritage, language and a place to call home.

I hope I have earned your trust and support. I need your vote to help protect our future.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a

call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

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LEGISLATIVE COLUMNS

District 8 – Dave Carney



Bozho!

Summer is here at last – so much to do in the nice weather in the Northwest! Regardless of your finances, there are great ways to have fun and enjoy the summer: going swimming in a local lake or river, camping with friends and family, or just the traditional backyard barbecue.

I’ve heard from a number of citizens in District 8 that they will be travelling “back home” to the Nation for the Family Reunion Festival and braving the 105 degree heat. Along with being a

busy time of year for recreational travel, summer is the most hectic time of year for residential real estate sales. In my work as a real estate broker in the Olympia area, I have come across a program that may be of interest to our members: the Section 184 loan guarantee program. I have only recently learned of the program, so I will quote liberally from www.hud.gov.

What is the Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program? This Loan Program was designed to provide access to mortgage financing to Native American and Alaskan Native tribal members. Section 184 home loans are guaranteed 100 percent by the Office of Loan Guarantee within HUD's Office of Native American Programs.

This guarantee encourages national and local banks to provide mortgage loans to Native Americans. The Office of Loan Guarantee works with a national network of lenders to increase Native access to home financing and to improve the value of Native investments.

Features of the program:

- Low down payment: 2.25 percent on loans over \$50,000 and only 1.25

- percent on loans under \$50,000
- Low interest rates: based on market rates, not on applicant’s credit scores
- Manual underwriting: The program utilizes a hands-on approach to underwriting and approval opposed to automated decision-making tools.
- Growing national network of approved lenders: The network of approved lenders includes national companies and local banks to suit your needs. The lenders have also been trained on the unique circumstances of Native homeownership.
- No monthly mortgage insurance: a one-time, one percent up-front guarantee fee is paid at closing and can be financed into the loan.
- Protection from predatory lending: The program monitors the fees our approved lenders can charge Native borrowers. Section 184 loans cannot be used for Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs).
- Knowledgeable staff: The staff understands the unique circumstances associated with lending on Native lands and work with borrowers to achieve home ownership and to avoid default and foreclosure.

What Can I use the Section 184

- Loan for?**
- Purchase an existing home
 - Construct a new home (site-built or manufactured homes on permanent foundations)
 - Rehabilitate a home, including weatherization
 - Purchase and rehabilitate a home
 - Refinance a home to get a more favorable rate or pull cash out

Section 184 loans can only be used for single family homes (1-4 units) and for a primary residence. Since 184 strives to increase homeownership to all Native communities, the guaranteed funds are reserved for primary residences rather than second or investment properties.

- How do I know if I qualify?**
- Only enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe are eligible – that’s YOU, CPN members!
 - Only some District 8 states are 100 percent eligible to use the program: WA, OR, MT, ID, ND, SD and AK. In Wyoming and Nebraska it is a county by county eligibility.

- Where do I go to find out more?**
- Go to www.hud.gov and type in 184 in the search field.

- Call a lender who has trained staff and who is qualified to coordinate these programs. You can get a list off the HUD website, but I learned about the program through Wells Fargo Bank and I know they are all over District 8.

If you have not taken advantage of the Citizens Potawatomi Nation’s one-time grant program of \$2,125 toward closing costs or refinancing, now might be a perfect time in conjunction with this 184 program. You may be in a new home before the autumn leaves start dropping!

In closing, please vote and make your voice heard. It has been my honor to serve as your representative and I ask for your vote.

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District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho,

Everybody is looking forward to vacations and that will be forthcoming. A lot of you will be traveling to Shawnee for the 2014 annual Festival this June and in August to Michigan for the annual gathering.

It is important to take some precautionary steps to ensure your year

will not turn into a disaster. Yes I’m updating three more new ways to protect you identity that I found from searching upcoming trends and advances in this area.

Your bank account isn’t the only casualty of identity theft and fraud; time is another significant cost. The average identity fraud case will cost a consumer 33 hours to resolve. Whether or not you think you are susceptible, it takes just a few entry points for thieves to discover your personal information. If you use mobile banking, social networking sites (such as Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn) shop online, access Wi-Fi in public areas, discard sensitive documents like bill statements without using a paper shredder, pay your bills via traditional mail, or hand off your credit card at a restaurant, you’re already at high risk of identity theft. This is the reality of how vulnerable we are as consumers.

Get credit monitoring: The old way of checking your credit was to manually pull your credit report. This is often not enough unless you do it on daily basis. There are three major credit bureaus that offer credit monitoring services that automatically reviews your credit report on a daily basis. The longer identity theft goes undetected, the more time and money you’ll suffer trying to resolve your case.

Switch to a smart card: New “smart cards,” credit cards embedded with EMV microchip technology, have stronger fraud protection than traditional magnetic strip credit cards. Smart cards require the cardholder’s unique PIN to use it, rather than, say, an easy-to-forgo signature. The encrypted microchip makes it much more difficult to counterfeit. By the way EMV stands for Euopay, MasterCard, and Visa. The American card providers are launching EMV,

with chip and signature, at least to start and perhaps chip and PIN later. Visa insists that chip and signature will be plenty secure. One reason for the slow rollout is the cost to the merchants for the new readers. Merchants in the U.S. face an October 2015 deadline to move to chip cards.

Lock down your smartphone: Your phone is essentially a one-stop shop for your data if stolen or exposed to thieves. Password-protect your phone with a complex and unique password, and set your phone to auto-lock. Enable a service with remote tracking, and in the event your phone is stolen it will remotely lock your phone and erase its data. Turn Bluetooth off if you’re not using it. Thieves can pair their Bluetooth device with yours and hack personal information. Be careful on Wi-Fi networks, another channel for thieves to remotely access your data undetected. Before downloading any apps to your phone, do a quick search

to make sure it comes from a legitimate site or publisher.

Being from the old school, I still haven’t been convinced that this technology of easy pay, credit, purchasing, talking, and sharing is going to all be incorporated in my lifestyle. But for those who are using these facets be aware!

“See ya at the Festival.”

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and the Nation.

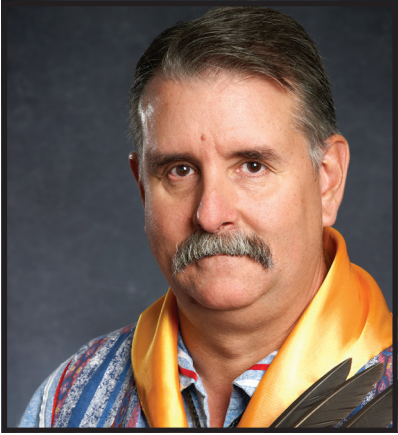
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District 12 – Paul Schmidlkofer



Bozho Nikan,

I’ll be keeping it short this month as the paper usually fills up for the June edition. I just want to say I hope all of you make it out to the Festival this year. Those of you who have been know how good it is to get together and visit or catch up with friends and family. Those of you who haven’t really should try to make it out to see for yourself. Just like in the years past there will be plenty to do and of course plenty to eat. I’m already

thinking about my first traditional Potawatomi bratwurst.

Please try to make it to the Grand Entry. It is inspiring to see all the Potawatomi in regalia entering together. For those who haven’t been or seen it please try. There are usually some vendors selling regalia so you might find what you need to get involved here.

One last note, I want to remind all the graduating seniors and their parents the nation has a scholarship program.

It is based simply on membership. We have had this program for years and we still find people who didn’t know of it. So please remind any relatives who might benefit from the extra money to help with the always increasing college tuition cost.

Thank you for the opportunity and as always it is a pleasure and an honor to serve our great nation. I thank you for this privilege.

Bama pi,
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District 13 – Bobbie Bowden



This is an exciting time of year. School is almost out, and as I prepare for our 2014 Family Reunion Festival, I would like to mention a few of my favorite Festival traditions, activities and responsibilities.

It is our responsibility as citizens to vote in our elections and any existing ballots. It is of the utmost importance

that we continue the incredible leadership our Tribe has, to futher our growth and prosperity and provide the benefits to our Tribal members. Our membership is growing at such a fast pace, we need strong, knowledgeable leaders to continue to lead us into the future for the next generations.

A few of the traditions and activities that are always my favorites are:

The Friday night hand games! It is so much fun to watch families compete with the traditional drumming in the background. A laid-back and fun atmosphere (not to mention a little bit cooler than during the day).

Vote! Saturday is your time to vote if you have not cast your absentee ballot. So stay by headquarters and do your part. Cast your vote!

The child development staff puts a lot of fun activities together for the children. You can check the schedule

online, and you will also receive one when you check in at the Festival.

The General Council Meeting on Saturday at 3 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for you to learn where the Nation stands and the plans for the future. Well worth the time!

Grand Entry. The main event on Saturday evening! There is not enough I can say about the pride I feel walking in with my children – and I’m also hoping to have my nephews with me this year. Each year I have added things to my regalia, and am honored this year to have several pieces made by tribal member Laura Weinstien.

Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions and I will do my very best to get the correct answer for you and point you in the right direction.

Wishing you safe travels. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

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Chairman – John Barrett



Bozho Nikan,

I hope many of you come to the Heritage Festival held the last weekend in June. It coincides with our annual General Council Meeting, where we present the "State of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation" – the present condition of the Tribe and its various enterprises and governmental functions. We are making wonderful progress and expanding our services to the people and investment for the future.

It is also the official date of our elections, although many of you vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote in person on Election Day. This year there are two contested elections; District 7,

in northern California, Nevada, and Hawaii, and District 8 which extends from Washington to Nebraska and includes Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The present Tribal legislator from District 7 is Mark Johnson, who has done an excellent job representing the people in his district. He has my full support and I urge you to vote for him. The present Tribal legislator for District 8 is Dave Carney, a very active and accomplished representative for the Citizen Potawatomi in his vast district. He also has my full support and I urge you to vote for him. Both of these men have been great representatives of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, for the public and other tribal organizations.

During the weekend of the Heritage Festival, I will be presenting an overview of the current projects and tribal activities. This will enable the Tribal Legislature to provide input and ready them for consideration in the 2014 Tribal Operating Budget. The budget process, already begun at a departmental level, is a large and complex task for all of the management employees of the Nation. During the legislative examination of the proposed budget, we go through each item of particular

interest to each Tribal Legislator, adjust line items to accommodate changed priorities, and arrive at a final budget to be voted on by the Legislature in full session.

With more than 30 federal contracts and compacts, 14 tribal enterprises, over 2,400 employees, and a budget in excess of \$350 million, it is an intensive and demanding process. We have the advantage of a very professional and capable Tribal management and accounting staff, experienced and educated Tribal legislators, and a clear message from our constituents to come to an agreement if there are differences of opinion. Our record of progress depends on it.

We have had a difficult few months in our relationship with the City of Shawnee. We find ourselves, along with the other three tribes with governmental jurisdictions in Pottawatomie County, the target of predatory actions by the city to collect sales taxes that encroach on our sovereign status and breach long-standing federal policy and United States Supreme Court case precedents. The Oklahoma Tax Commission recently changed its regulations to allow cities to act as enforcement for the state in tax reporting and collections. The Tax Commission has

been unsuccessful in the past in forcing tribes to act as state tax collectors and is now misleading cities into thinking they have tax jurisdiction on Indian reservation land. The City of Shawnee used these new regulations to promulgate an ordinance that criminalizes failure to report and submit state taxes. The City of Shawnee used this new authority to threaten the area tribes by letter and in meetings, refusing to recognize that Tribal trust land is not in any city limits and is legally prohibited from such collections. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has had jurisdiction over the lands it occupies since 1867, long before the state existed.

Our best solution is political. We have endorsed and supported candidates for three of the seven City Commission seats. One of the candidates is Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Michael Dykstra. He is a highly qualified candidate and I hope any Citizen Potawatomi who lives in Shawnee, Okla., or any employee of the Nation, will vote and campaign for him. It is vital that we win this race. If the City is successful in their sales tax scheme, it will affect tribes all over the United States, and cost us millions in tribal tax collections from our businesses. We are in a battle.

Sadly, the City of Shawnee’s mentality appears to be that economic progress is a "zero sum game." In other words, any progress made by an Indian tribe comes at the expense of a city next to it.

In addition to disregarding the value of our purchases from Shawnee businesses, the City disregards the fact that we are the largest employer in Pottawatomie County by a factor of five! We have a documented economic impact in excess of \$550 million dollars. Virtually 90 percent of the economic growth in our county is a result of our payroll, vendor purchases, and tourism investments. The City of Shawnee should reconsider and adopt the truly progressive perspective that a rising tide lifts all boats.

What is good for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has proven beyond doubt to be good for Pottawatomie County and Shawnee, Okla. We live here too.

See you all at the Heritage Festival!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,
John Rocky Barrett/Keweoge
(He leads them home)

Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



The Citizen Potawatomi began their court system in 1986. Prior to that time, the local tribes used the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) court at the

BIA Agency, which was located where the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex is today, just south of our Nation’s headquarters.

Lawrence Wahpepah was a judge in the CFR court system for many years. Judge Wahpepah became one of our Supreme Court Justices after we began our own court system, and he served in that capacity until 2004.

Years ago when our Citizen Potawatomi Tribe hosted our first Annual Potawatomi Gathering, Judge Wahpepah spoke to a group of teenagers and young adults. The Judge, as he is still affectionately known, was well into his 70s when he addressed the group that summer

day. As a well-known leader in his community and a respected elder in the Kickapoo Tribe, people of all ages paid close attention when Judge Wahpepah spoke. The Citizen Potawatomi were honored to have the judge as a keynote speaker for the youth.

After an impressive presentation to the group about leadership and working together, he began his closing remarks by saying, “You young people in the audience think that a day is a long time. At my age, a day goes by very quickly. In the morning, I am at the top of a roller coaster.”

Judge Wahpepah went on to describe the correlation between a roller coaster

ride and the duration of a day. As the roller coaster begins its course on an upward path with intermittent spiral downward and upward motions, the day goes forward in time. By the end of the roller coaster ride, it is the end of the day.

When the Judge finished his comments, I looked out at the students and could see that the message did not have a great impact. The students were young and their days were no doubt long, as they were for so many of us at that age.

The judge is in his 90s now and my respect for him and his many family members has never waned. I find myself involved with the comical analogy of the roller coaster story. I,

too, feel like I am on a roller coaster each and every day. I wonder about the students that Judge Wahpepah spoke to so many years ago. One of these days, they might understand the essence of his closing comments.

The Annual Family Reunion is just around the corner, which makes me wonder how the year flew by so quickly. Judge Wahpepah could probably tell us if we asked. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps, Vice Chairman

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Bozho Nikanek: Hello friends

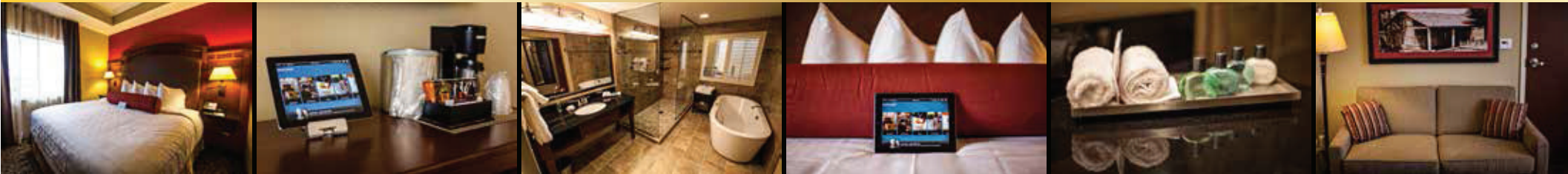
Bozho Nikan: Hello friend

Egwieen: Heartfelt thanks

Migwetch: Thank you

Bama pi: Later on

DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES FOR CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS



Rooms will be made available per day Sunday thru Thursday night, excluding holidays and other high demand blackout dates, at a discounted rate to CPN tribal members.

- Rate will be 30 percent off of the Best Available Rate for the day plus taxes.
 - Excludes all Holidays. Discount is subject to availability. Blackout dates may apply based on business needs.
 - Advanced reservation is required.
 - Reservation must be booked no later than three days prior to arrival.
 - Reservations can be booked a maximum of six months in advance.
 - Discounted rate must be available and identified at the time of reservation.
 - Rooms will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
 - No Show reservations will be charged a \$50 “No Show” rate
 - Reservations must be cancelled by 4:00pm on the day of arrival to avoid incurring the No Show Charge Rate.
- Credit Card is required at time of reservation
 - Credit Card bearing the guest’s name must be presented at check in
 - Credit card is authorized at check in for room and tax plus \$50 for incidentals per night.
 - Authorizations are released within two to three business days.
 - Debit card authorizations can take up to two weeks to be released depending upon the cardholder’s bank.

- Standard Room is defined as a non-suite room with either one king bed or two queen beds.
 - Maximum occupancy for a King Room is three persons
 - Maximum occupancy for a Double Queen Room is five persons

• CPN Tribal Members must be 21 years of age or older in order to rent a room

• CPN Tribal Members must provide their Tribal Identification Number at the time of booking the reservation and must present their Tribal Identification Card upon check in. If the Tribal Identification card does not bear the CPN Tribal member’s photo, a government issued photo identification (driver license, state issued ID, military ID, passport) must be presented in conjunction with the Tribal identification card.

• There will be a maximum of two rooms per CPN tribal member per night.

• In order to ensure that all citizens have an opportunity to take advantage of this offer, a CPN tribal member will be permitted to book no more than 10 room nights per year at the discounted rate.

• The rate code for the discount is DISCCPN. CPN Tribal members may call reservations and offer the rate code to the reservationist to see if the offer is available.

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Charles E. LeClair III

Charles (Chuck) E. LeClair III, 50, was born April 1, 1963 in Liberal, KS to Charles E. LeClair of Casselberry, FL and Betty Jo Cogdill LeClair of Columbia, SC. In peace and without fear he entered into his eternal life in heaven on March 13, 2014.

He was a 1981 graduate of Northeast High School in Columbia, S.C. In 1986 he received a degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, GA, where he met the love of his life, Pamela Jones LeClair.

Being a husband to Pam and a father to Mark and Rachel was his true joy in life. He loved taking trips with his family to the beach and the mountains. He and Pam celebrated their twenty fifth wedding anniversary in Dec. 2011 with a memorable trip to Jamaica. During Mark and Rachel's early years, Chuck was a stay-at-home dad and was very involved in school activities and coached many of their sports teams. He and Mark spent many hours together fishing and golfing. He and his princess Rachel watched every episode of "Survivor" and "Amazing Race" together and both have the same love for a good piece of chocolate cake. Golfing and photographing his family were some of his favorite activities.

His church family at Friendship Baptist brought him so much comfort and love.

In addition to his dear wife, children, and parents, surviving family members are his four sisters, Rebecca LeClair of Cary, NC; Joanie Waters and husband David of Greensboro, NC; Laura Summer and husband Harrison of Lake Wylie, SC; Jill LeClair of Columbia, SC; his parents-in-law Bill and Ann Jones of Perry, GA; his brother-in-law Billy Jones; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Funeral services were March 16 in Parkway Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Renal (Kidney) Cancer Research Foundation at P.O. Box 803338 #38269, Chicago, IL, 60680-3338 or to Friendship Baptist Church at 1322 Feagin Mill Rd., Warner Robins, GA, 31088. Go to heritagememorialfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest book.



Naomi Lynn King

Naomi Lynn King 64 years of age, departed this life to continue on her journey December 3, 2013, after a brief illness.

Lynn was born in Tulsa, Okla. September 19, 1949, the sixth of ten children born to Maudie (Peltier) and Hardy Northcross. A great granddaughter of Helen Vieux.

She was preceded in death by both parents; brothers Hardy, Larry and Terry Northcross; sisters-in-law Helen and Deloris Northcross; a nephew Mango Johns and niece Kathy McConnell; many aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

She is survived by her husband Johnny Joseph Kin; sons Dwight Scott, Matthew Scott and John Bryant, and daughter Tammie Adair. Also 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren.

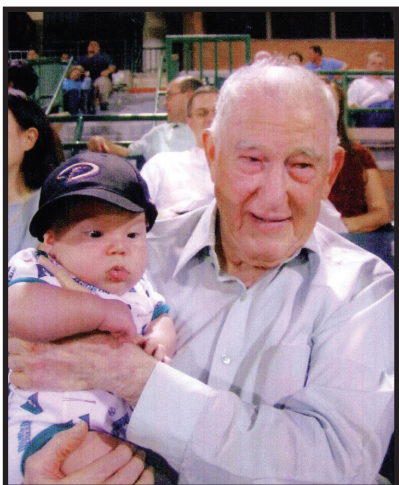
Lynn loved life, traveling, playing music and singing, her artwork and most of all she loved her family and spending time with them.



Phoebe Cleone Lorenz

Phoebe Cleone Lorenz was born on May 28, 1973, and passed away April 2, 2014. Phoebe, born in Boulder, CO, went home to be with her Lord after gracefully fighting breast cancer.

She was preceded in death by her father John Calvin Hering. She is survived by her significant other Jeff Jones; her daughter, Karley Lorenz; her mother, Constance Cline; and her two sisters, Kelly Lam and Tammy Ford. Services were held Monday April 7, 2014 at Calvary Church, 2101 Gay St. Longmont, followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers please make donations to help with final expenses, checks can be made payable to Connie Cline.



Roy Edwin Melot

Roy Edwin Melot of Gilbert, Arizona passed away on April 5, 2014 at the age of 99. Roy was born in Wanette, Oklahoma on March 17, 1915.

In 1940, he left his native Oklahoma for California where he lived until moving to Arizona in 2000. A veteran of World War II, he worked for the East Contra Costa Irrigation District for 25 years. He was preceded in death by his father Jerome; mother Anna; first wife Josephine; daughter Carol and three sisters. Roy is survived by his younger brother and sister; his second wife, Ramona; his son Ron; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two stepchildren; eight step-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and step-great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at Falconer Funeral Home, 251 W. Juniper Ave., Gilbert, Ariz. 85233. Graveside service was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2014 at The National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85024. For more information please visit www.falconerfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Falconer Funeral Home. Funeral services were performed by his nephew Reverend Tony Blevins of Globe, Ariz.

Burial assistance

If you have a loved one who has walked on, please update their information in Tribal Rolls. Also, you may be eligible for burial assistance. Please contact the Tribal Rolls Department at 800-880-9880.

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Each position is taught and supervised by DAY OF CHAMPIONS football staff, made up of some of the top Division I-II-III & NAIA collegiate coaches in the country, along with past OU football players, and past & current NFL players. Players from experienced athletes to youth just learning the game will enhance their skills & learn basic fundamentals geared to their age and skill level.

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BIDS NEEDED FOR FARMING & GRAZING LEASE SALE

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is inviting bidders for a Farming & Grazing Lease Sale on **July 16th, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.** at the CPN Real Estate Office.

Please contact **Matt Masilon** at (405) 395-0113 for information about the bidding process or for a list of the properties.

